

***Response to "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance"***

Applicant's submission on February 21, 2008 is acknowledged.

In view of Applicant's comments, the Examiner concurs that the claimed subject matter which distinguishes the claimed invention over the prior art is not just the single feature of a source of lower static pressure outside the reeling drum, but is rather the combination of features defining the suction zone of the reeling drum with the feature of a connection of the interior of the reeling drum to an outside source of lower static pressure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric Hug whose telephone number is (571) 272-1192.

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